

### **How does immigration embody “Domestic Policies?”**

After WWII, the United States entered a period of dynamic change. While some changes created opportunity, some changes strained Americans. The government (both federal and state) enacted policies to meet peoples' needs, but some of the policies were disliked. To illustrate this, one could examine immigration.

Immigration has been occurring for a long time now and continues to effect population and other issues concerning America. With a growing population, came a larger demand for jobs among citizens. This was difficult to satisfy with so many people. It seemed necessary at this point to monitor the rate of immigration. American citizens were losing jobs they already had in order to open up jobs for immigrants and other people needing jobs. Poverty rates went up as a result and many were desperate to do what ever they could to get by. This eventually got so out of hand, it triggered government action.

The government began to recognize the effects of immigration and took action to control it. We set up border control and regulated the rate of the migration from other countries to ours. congress also passed a law eventually claiming that if there are any immigrant sin the United States, no matter the case, they had to earn their Green Card, which gives them the official, legal rights and opportunities any American citizen has. If any illegal immigrant were to be caught, they, along with their escort, would be arrested and/ or sent back to their home country. As a result of the government response, people also felt the need to take action. The consequences were less than restrained.

With the action and consequences of immigration came much variation in opinions of the topic. Some either approved or didn't really have an opinion on immigration while others were outraged with ever aspect of it. Immigration was the cause of major job loss and the increase of poverty rates. While some people supported immigration, others were determined to stop it. Some concerned citizens got involved in the governmental acts and decisions. Eventually, the ideas of immigration were taken to Congress to be looked over. With the difference in opinions over immigration, came the difference in reactions among citizens, supporters got upset while those against immigration did what they could to convince the government to completely ban immigration. Not all the outcomes of immigration were negative though.

In fact, many important issues revolved around the idea of Domestic Policies, immigration being among the group. As a result of immigration, we now have multi-racial background, which provides much opportunity for learning about other cultures and broadening our knowledge on the ideas and traditions of other countries and their cultures. Without immigration, we would not have made some of the accomplishments we have made today or have some of the inventions we use everyday readily available like they are to us today.